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- 1. ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF, LAST WEEK'S VISIT BY PAPUA NEW GUINEA PRIME MINISTER SOMARE TO INDONESIA WAS SUCCESSFUL IN ALLOWING GOI LEADERS TO REALIZE THAT SOMARE IS SHREWDER THAN THEY THOUGHT AND NOT AT ALL EAGER TO IMITATE PRC POLICIES AT HOME IN PNG.
- 2. EMBOFF SAID AUSTRALIANS HAVE LONG THOUGHT THAT GOI UNDER-ESTIMATED SOMARE, WHO IS VERY BRIGHT AND HAS GOOD ADVISOR. INDONESIANS HAVE BEEN AFRAID THAT SOMARE WAS OVERLY IMPRESSED BY PRC, PARTICULARLY ITS AGRICULTURAL COMMUNES, DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO PEKING, AND WOULD TRY TO APPLY CHINESE TECHNIQUES IN PNG. THEY NOW REALIZE, HE SAID, THAT SOMARE CAN DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THEORY AND PRACTICE, AND IS NOT AN AVID ADMIRER OF PEKING.
- 3. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY VIEWED VISIT AS OTHERWISE UNEVENTFUL, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH SIDES TO GET ACQUAINTED. SOMARE REPORTEDLY WAS TO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO VISIT INDONESIA BEFORE THE PEKING TRIP, BUT GOI AMBASSADOR ROEDJITO FAILED TO DELIVER THE INVITATION IN TIME.

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